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Claim 1 (Canceled)

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Previously presented) A method for managing electronic mail return receipts using audio-visual notification comprising the steps of:

initiating an electronic mail return receipt operation;

determining features of a return receipt notification display, by prompting a message initiator to select a return receipt notification display procedure and capturing a highlighted recipient of the message at the message initiator location when a recipient has received and opened the message;

detecting a message at the receiver destination;

transmitting a return receipt back to the message initiator;

capturing the return receipt at the message initiator location;

identifying the specific receiver destination transmitting the return receipt; and

displaying the specific receiver destination to the message initiator.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Canceled)

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Claim 15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Previously presented) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for managing electronic mail return receipts using audio-visual notification comprising:

- instructions for initiating an electronic mail return receipt operation;

- instructions for determining features of a return receipt notification display including instructions for prompting a message initiator to select a return receipt notification display procedure and instructions for capturing a highlighted recipient of the message at the message initiator location when a recipient has received and opened the message;

- instructions for detecting a message at the receiver destination;

- instructions for transmitting a return receipt back to the message initiator;

- instructions for capturing the return receipt at the message initiator location;

- instructions for identifying the specific receiver destination transmitting the return receipt; and

- instructions for displaying the specific receiver destination to the message initiator.

Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (Canceled)

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Claim 25 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 5 wherein the return receipt notification display procedure comprises creating a list of recipients of the original message at the message initiator location and indicating when a recipient from the recipient list has received and opened the message.

Claim 26 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 5 wherein said return receipt capturing step further comprises:

- intercepting an incoming message at the message initiator location;
- determining whether the detected message is message disposition notification;
- when the determination is the detected message is a message disposition notification, identifying the original message at the message initiator location; and
- matching the sender of the message disposition notification to a corresponding recipient on the original message transmitted by the message initiator.

Claim 27 (Previously presented) The computer program product as described in claim 17 wherein the return receipt notification display procedure comprises instructions for creating a list of recipients of the original message at the message initiator location and instructions for indicating when a recipient from the recipient list has received and opened the message.

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Claim 28 (Previously presented) The computer program product as described in claim 17 wherein said return receipt capturing instructions further comprise:

instructions for intercepting an incoming message at the message initiator location;

instructions for determining whether the detected message is message disposition notification;

when the determination is the detected message is a message disposition notification, instructions for identifying the original message at the message initiator location; and

instructions for matching the sender of the message disposition notification to a corresponding recipient on the original message transmitted by the message initiator.

Claim 29 (New) The computer program product as described in claim 28 further comprising before said matching instruction, instructions for determining whether the original transmitted message had multiple recipients.

Claim 30 (New) The computer program product as described in claim 17 further comprising before said return receipt transmitting instructions, instructions for creating a queue at a receiver destination and instructions for queuing a return receipt notification in response to the detection of the opening of a message at the receiver destination.

Claim 31 (New) The computer program product as described in claim 17 wherein said display type determination instructions further comprise instructions for prompting the message initiator to select a return receipt notification display procedure.